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Letter dated 22 May 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement on the promulgation of a Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government in Kosovo and the announcement of Kosovo-wide elections issued on 16 May 2001 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement on the promulgation of a Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government in Kosovo and the announcement of Kosovo-wide elections issued on 16 May 2001 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union warmly welcomes the promulgation of a Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government in Kosovo by the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, Hans Haekkerup, in Priština yesterday. The European Union commends the work accomplished by the Special Representative. This document represents a landmark step in the implementation of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), which foresaw the establishment of provisional institutions of self-government.

This is a decisive move towards the establishment of meaningful and democratic self-government in Kosovo. The Constitutional Framework provides the common institutional groundwork for the way ahead, pending a final political settlement.

The challenge of building functioning institutions safeguarding fundamental human rights and capable of supporting a multi-ethnic society based on democratic principles and tolerance is a major one. The success of this endeavour ultimately rests with the people of Kosovo themselves and their representatives. The European Union is prepared to continue to assist in the effort to build a democratic and prosperous society where violence is shunned and genuine reconciliation can be achieved.

The European Union also welcomes the announcement by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Haekkerup, of Kosovo-wide elections on 17 November 2001. It urges all individuals and communities to participate actively and constructively and to refrain from all acts of violence in the process leading to this most important election for Kosovo.